

ON TO THE CAPITAL

Miles's Troops Are Converging on San Juan.

MAY BE A BATTLE TO-DAY.

If the Spaniards Are at Coamo Gen. Wilson Will Dislodge Them.

Our Columns Advancing Direct to San Juan Along the Roads from Ponce and Guayama—Other Forces Take the Route from Yauco to the West Coast Ports and Others Are Pushing for Arecibo via Adjuntas—Nearly Every Important Town Is on One or Another of Our Lines of Advance—Spanish Barbed Wire Fences Used as a Telegraph Line—Porto Ricans Enlisting in Our Army—Volunteer Guards Are to Be Organized in Each City—In Ten Days All Porto Rico Will Be Occupied.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. Ponce, Aug. 8, via St. Croix.—Gen. Wilson's headquarters is now established five miles east of Juana Diaz. His forces covered thirteen miles yesterday and arrived in their present position last night.

Gen. Wilson intended to give battle to the Spaniards at Coamo to-day, if there are any of



OUR ADVANCE IN PORTO RICO. This map shows the various roads which our army is following and the position of all the towns that are now figuring in the movement to the north coast.

the enemy there, but a delay in bringing up his wagon trains induced him to wait until to-morrow, when, if the Spaniards remain, they will be dislodged.

It is Gen. Wilson's intention, after driving the enemy from Coamo, to move against Alibonito, where the Spaniards are obstructing the march to San Juan. Gen. Brooke will flank the enemy from Cayey and effect a junction with Gen. Wilson.

This morning Gen. Wilson personally reconnoitred within two miles of Coamo. He intended to speak with the Spaniards if they came out, but they did not come. Their outposts are in sight, two miles from the American camp.

The first strong intrenchments are a mile from Coamo, just beyond the junction of the Santa Isabel and San Juan roads.

The Sixteenth Pennsylvania Regiment has just received Krags-Jorgensen rifles. They practiced firing to-day in order to become acquainted with the new weapon.

In addition to this regiment, Gen. Wilson has under his command the Second and Third Wisconsin Regiments, two batteries of light artillery, and cavalry Troop C of Brooklyn.

Gen. Ernst accompanied Gen. Wilson on his reconnoitring expedition, and from a hill both saw into Coamo.

Two private cable despatches have been received here, one at the German Vice-Consulate saying that Spain has accepted the conditions of peace laid down by the United States. There has been no official notification, however, received by Gen. Miles, and the forward movement of the army continues.

Gen. Henry will go along the Adjuntas road with Garretson's brigade to meet Gen. Schwan at Arecibo on the north side of the island.

Gen. Miles thought of accompanying Gen. Henry, but finally decided not to move his headquarters until everything is in order here. The landing of supplies is being delayed owing to the poor facilities. The army has not launched enough as yet to do the work required.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 7, via St. Thomas, Aug. 8.—The movement of the American army to San Juan and Arecibo began to-day, as already briefly cabled to THE SUN, and the beginning of the end of the Porto Rican campaign is at hand. In ten days at the latest unless all signs fail, the entire island of Porto Rico will be occupied and San Juan itself reduced.

The belief in Ponce now is that there may be one or two fights, but nothing like the battle before Santiago. The first troops to move to-day were the Second and Third Wisconsin, of Gen. Ernst's brigade.

The Sixteenth Pennsylvania, of Ernst's brigade, moved yesterday to the Descalabrado River, and the two regiments of Wisconsin troops were ordered up to support them. At the same time Gen. Wilson, with his staff, moved his headquarters from Ponce to Juan Diaz, near the front. Troop C of New York Cavalry preceded Gen. Wilson, and at 1 o'clock this afternoon the City Troop of Philadelphia started on a forty-mile march along the coast road to join Gen. Brooke at Guayama. Troop H of the Sixth Cavalry accompanied them. Gen. Brooke has moved the Fourth Pennsylvania Volunteers up to Guayama to join the Fourth Ohio and Third Illinois.

Schwan's Brigade, the Eleventh and Nineteenth regulars and two batteries of light artillery started at 2 o'clock for Arecibo. One battalion of the Nineteenth Infantry and Col. Black, with 500 Porto Rican laborers, took the

Adjuntas road. Their ultimate destination is Arecibo, but they will repair the road on the way. All the expeditions were under way before dark. Gen. Schwan was accompanied by Col. Fajardo, who has been commissioned by Gen. Miles to command the First Regiment of Porto Rican Volunteers. Gen. Schwan has gone to Yauco, thence to Sabana Grande and San German. The last named place is an important city, with 30,000 inhabitants in its jurisdiction, and its people are noted for their intense loyalty to Spain.

From that place he will go west to Cabo-Rojó, and from there to Mayaguez, the third city of importance on the island, and having the third largest Spanish garrison. The garrison there includes a battalion of the Alfonso XIII. Regiment. Reports from Mayaguez say that the Spaniards there will make a stiff fight. There are some fortifications there and the place is easy to defend.

Up the coast the next place is Anasco, an important town a little inland, and then Aguadilla, on the northwest coast, where there is another big Spanish garrison. This is composed mostly of volunteers, however.

The town is situated in a valley, and mountains surround it. There is a fort on the north side. The population is three-fourths Spanish.

A fight is expected there, but the big fight of this division, if there is any, will come when Gen. Schwan reaches Lares, in the interior. This is an important strategic point and an ideal place to defend.

Reports have been received from many sources that the Spaniards are preparing to make a stand there. Troops have been summoned from the surrounding country, and what modern guns they have are being mounted. From Lares Gen. Schwan will go direct to Arecibo, where he will meet Col. Black's battalion.

Thus the inland west of a line drawn from Ponce to Arecibo will be entirely occupied by

DAY A PEACE COMMISSIONER

AND AFTER THE WAR IS ENDED TO RESIGN AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

Entered the Cabinet Against His Own Wishes at the President's Earnest Request—It Is Conceded That He Will Be One of the American Commissioners to Negotiate Peace—The Other Members of the Commission May Be Gen. Horace Porter, Col. John Hay, Richard Olney, and Senator Cushman K. Davis.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The revival of the report that Secretary Day would resign from the Cabinet has not created any surprise in Washington. Secretary Day told THE SUN reporter that he did not care to discuss the subject, but his friends and many of those in official circles have been aware for some time that his retirement from his present office would occur prior to the expiration of President McKinley's term. In fact, it has been an open secret in Administration quarters that Mr. Day determined to relinquish the duties of Secretary of State just as soon as the war was over. Early in the year, while Mr. Sherman was Secretary and Mr. Day Assistant Secretary of State, and before it was certain that war would occur, it had been privately arranged that Mr. Day should resign his office in the fall to become a Circuit Judge on the Federal bench. A bill creating a new circuit, taking in Michigan and parts of Indiana and Ohio, was pending in Congress, and it was understood by President McKinley that Mr. Day, whose inclination toward judicial more than executive duties, should get the place if he adhered to his decision to resign the Assistant Secretaryship.

Mr. Day had apparently no desire to enter the Cabinet. The Attorney-General had been offered him on the suggestion of Mr. McKenna to become an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and he declined it. It was said that Mrs. Day's delicate health induced Mr. Day to forego Cabinet honors, which would bring with them increased social duties that might seriously impair Mr. Day's domestic life. When Mr. Sherman retired from the Cabinet, however, Mr. Day's appointment to the vacancy did not create any surprise. His familiarity with all the ante-bellum relations between Spain and his active part in the conference with Señor Polo y Bernabé, the successive Spanish representatives here, had fitted him better than any other man in the opinion of the President, for performing the important duties of head of the diplomatic branch of the executive government. Another reason why he changed his mind about going into the Cabinet was President McKinley's earnest desire that Mr. Day should stay at the official council table and occupy the highest executive office within the President's gift. Since Mr. Day has been Secretary of State his friends have spoken of his retirement before the end of the McKinley Administration as something assured. It has been the general understanding that Mr. Day and President McKinley agreed at the time of Mr. Sherman's retirement that the former should hold the Secretaryship only as long as the relations between the United States and Spain remained unsettled.

The report that Mr. Day will resign from the Cabinet to become President of the American Commission to negotiate a treaty of peace with Spain does not find credence in official circles. While it is generally accepted as true that Mr. Day will be one of the American Commissioners, the understanding is that he will perform the duties of that important post without relinquishing the Secretaryship of State. It is apparently understood in the White House that the President has decided to appoint Mr. Day to the post of Secretary of State, and that he will continue to perform the duties of that office until the peace negotiations are concluded. After serving as President of the Peace Commission he would be thoroughly equipped, it is held, to conclude the arrangements provided by the United States to participate in the establishment of diplomatic relations with Spain.

What his future will be no one appears to know definitely. The bill creating the Circuit Judgeship, to which he would have been appointed, was not enacted into law, and therefore the place will not be available until after Congress convenes in September. The Circuit Judge for the district in which Mr. Day has his legal residence will retire this year, but it is understood that the appointment has been promised ex-Congressman Thompson of Portsmouth, O., a member of the commission engaged in codifying the laws of the United States. Mr. Day's tastes are for the law, and while he would undoubtedly be gratified in rounding out his legal career on the Federal bench, his friends say he would be quite as well satisfied to return to Canton and resume the practice of his profession there. He is a comparatively young man of a staid and retiring disposition, and not so much enamored of official life in Washington as most men are.

YALE READY TO START.

An Illinois Regiment Expects to Go to Santiago on Her.

The work of disinfecting the auxiliary cruiser Yale was finished yesterday and it was stated at the Army building that she would sail for Santiago to-day. Twenty immunes from the volunteer hospital corps at Camp Aguirre arrived here yesterday and went aboard the Yale at Quarantine. They will assist in caring for the sick at Santiago.

A despatch to THE SUN says that the Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment of immunes, 1,300 officers and men, left Springfield, Ill., yesterday for New York to sail for Santiago on the Yale. It is quite possible that the ship will await the arrival of this regiment.

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THE FAKE NEWS BUREAU.

Convicted of Sending Out False News and Violating the Government's Orders.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—For the second time within a period of a little more than one week, the Associated Press has been convicted upon its own testimony of being an irresponsible, unreliable and dishonest news manufacturing organization. When this disreputable organization announced in a Washington despatch, dated August 7, 31, in extraordinary and pompous language, that M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, had been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to negotiate a treaty of peace between Spain and the United States, the public accepted the publication on its face as due largely to the customary leniency and indulgence of the Government and their desire to produce a sensation. It was a foolish experiment, for the bombastic despatch was immediately denounced by the friends of the Ambassador and every member of the Administration as preposterous, absurd, and worthy of notice only as displaying the profound ignorance of the news manufacturing organization of the facts of the case.

The latest discovered performance of the Associated Press news fakers, however, is of a more serious character, and on their own testimony they stand convicted of violating the orders of the Government, issued for the purpose of having news matter relating to the war under the control of the Government. The orders of the army and navy designated for that purpose. The correspondence between the Secretary of the Navy and the agent of the Associated Press in this city, made public yesterday, and printed in the newspapers of this morning, convicts the fake news bureau of the Associated Press of the offense of deceiving the Government in order to publish broadcast a since exploded lie with regard to the actions of Sampson and Schley before the battle of Santiago. The Associated Press papers of July 18 contained an article quoting Commodore Schley as saying that he had repeatedly declined to accept the position of a peace negotiator, and in doing so made the statement that Schley had called upon him immediately after the publication of the article above mentioned and denounced it as false in every particular. Sampson suspected, knowing its source, the unworthiness of the news, and on July 27 telegraphed to Secretary Long requesting that the Associated Press be called upon to name its authority for the words put into the mouth of Commodore Schley. Secretary Long thereupon wrote to the agent of the news manufacturing organization, who, in a craftily but somewhat awkwardly worded reply, made this statement: "This letter [referring to the despatch misquoting Schley] was not written by either of our representatives with the squadron off Santiago, but by another gentleman who was temporarily in our office at the time of our dispatch. 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